Andover Jan 5. 1822

My dear Brother

I hardly know what directions to give about my things at Clinton. The list which I left in our Fathers hands, is, I believe complete, & will serve to guide you in doing what business is necessary. I cannot do better than to trust the whole to your judgment.

If a fence must be made, it will be most convenient for me to take the western part, where the south fence of the ten acre lot can be moved down to the line. The rails which ~~were in front~~ near the road up the hill, where the board fence was built, will, I should think be enough to make out all the fence necessary on my part. The cedar posts may be sold, or used if necessary. I should think Esq. Bristole, would on the whole be the best man to leave the business with. ~~as to the books, if by~~ Perhaps Mr Williams might be joined with him.

The rent of the land ~~will~~ must of course be determined on the spot. I should think it ought not to be less than $150 clear of taxes & all other expenses & as much more as the times will give. You can judge best on the spot.

If by any means it should be possible to sell Rees Cyclopaedia, why, sell it. I rather think the trustees might be prevailed on to take it, perhaps for somewhat less than $200.

Whatever is in my chamber, is mine, & no regard is to be paid to any hints or demands to the contrary. The papers & articles in the drawers of the dressing table particularly ~~as~~ & in all the cupboards, I wish to have carefully preserved, the papers without examination. ~~All the contents of the drawers, I wish to have carefully~~ The dressing table, the Glass, & the bedstead, must, I suppose be left, – the time may come when I shall want them. If Mrs Lothrop wants like to take the dressing table to her house, she is welcome; — I should rather have it in her hands than at Clinton. The key of one of the cupboards is on the dressing table inclosed in a letter directed to Dr Norton. This you will break open, & will there find directions to get the other keys.

I intended to have written more fully about this place, but there is so much cold, & I have felt the effects of it so violently, that I have scarcely been able to do any thing for the past week. I have been quite sick; but am better this morning, & hope it will wear off.

Lady Di is in good health & spirits & attracts a good deal of admiration; — for this is not the country of fine horses.

Love to all. Elizabeth's turn, I suppose, comes next.

I am affectionately your brother

Edward Robinson.

Should you think it best to make any presents to Mr L. or others from the books at Clinton, act your pleasure.

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